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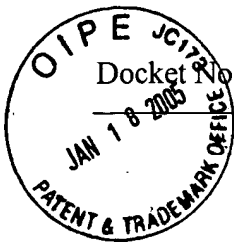
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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08 equivalent) listing eight (8) references that are also enclosed. We have also enclosed a copy of the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004 in U.S. Application No. 10/281,467. While we understand the Examiner has access to this other application, we have enclosed a copy of the Office Action for the Examiner's convenience.

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